

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Philip J. IONS et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3633
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Application No.: 10/593,063	)	Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A
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Filed: April 28, 2008	)	Confirmation No.: 6465
	)	
For: DIRECT SMELTING PLANT	)	<b><u>VIA EFS-WEB</u></b>

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2011, the period for response having been extended to October 17, 2011 (October 16, 2011, being a Sunday), by a petition for a two-month extension of time and fee payment filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the claim amendments section of this paper.